80. (New) The method of claim 79, wherein the cling characteristic comprises at least one characteristic selected from a group comprising:

joining the second graphic object to the first graphic object via a shortest distance where the origin of the second graphic object aligns and is coincident with a closest point of interest on the first graphic object,

sliding the second graphic object in alignment with the first graphic object as the pointing symbol is moved,

rotating the second graphic object about at least one of the points of interest on the first graphic object by manipulating the pointing symbol around the point,

positioning the second graphic object at an opposite side of the first graphic object when the pointing symbol traverses from one side to another of the first graphic object, and positioning the second graphic object at a 180-degree rotation of the first graphic object at a specified perpendicular offset in a direction of the pointing symbol.

81. (New) The method of claim 79, further comprising unclinging the second graphic object from the first graphic object as the pointing symbol is moved a distance greater than a predetermined rejection tolerance away from the first graphic object.

REMARKS

Preliminary to a first Office Action in this reissue patent application, the Applicant requests that claims 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 16, 18, 19, 20, and 24 be amended, and new claims 25-81 be added, as indicated above. These amendments do not involve any new matter or objectionable

added, as indicated above. These amendments do not involve any new matter or objectionable changes. When the Examiner takes this application up for action, he is requested to take the foregoing into account.

Should the Examiner identify minor matters that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call the Applicant's undersigned attorney.

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